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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CAMBODIA: NEGOTIATIONS AND UNGA CREDENTIALS FIGHT

REF: A. BANGKOK 11860
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1. DURING TWO AND A HALF HOUR DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 7 WITH MFA OFFICIALS AS PART OF EMBASSY BRIEFING ON SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, MFA OFFICIALS AGAIN EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ABOUT SITUATION THERE AND THE UPCOMING U.N. CREDENTIALS FIGHT. THEY TOLD US THEIR CURRENT COUNT SHOWS GKR ON SHORT END OF 52 - 44 VOTE ON CREDENTIALS. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER, THEP THEWAKUN (CHIEF, SEA DIVISION, MFA) REITERATED AGAIN THAI PESSIMISM ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THAILAND WOULD SUPPORT LON NOL'S POSITION IN THE U.N. AS WOULD THE OTHER ASEAN STATES, BUT THAT ASEAN DID NOT AT THIS TIME ENVISAGE A UNITED ASEAN EFFORT. THE THAI AND ASEAN DO NOT APPEAR WILLING
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TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE THOUGH THEY WOULD FOLLOW A

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JAPANESE OR AMERICAN LEAD.

2. MFA OFFICIALS INFORMED US THAT THE JAPANESE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN EFFORT TO PROPOSE THAT THE U.N. ISSUE A DECLARATION PROPOSING A CEASEFIRE IN PLACE AND NEGOTIATIONS IN CAMBODIA. THIS EFFORT IS AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID A CREDENTIALS VOTE WHICH MIGHT GO AGAINST THE GKR. ALTHOUGH THE THAI WERE NOT EXUBERANT ON THIS POINT, THEY SEEMED TO VIEW IT AS THE ONE BRIGHT SPOT ON THE HORIZON. MUCH EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE NECESSITY OF GETTING THE GKR AND KC TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

3. THE SUBJECT OF LONG BROET'S VISIT TO THAILAND WAS ALSO RAISED. MFA OFFICIALS REPOEATED EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT CAMBODIA WOULD BEST USE ITS TIME AND EFFORT PERSUADING OTHER STATES IN NONALIGNED BLOC WHO ARE NOT COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THE GKR IN UPCOMING U.N. CREDNETIALS VOTE RATHER THAN WORKING ON ASEAN STATES WHO ALREADY SUPPORT GKR.

4. MEMCONS SUMMARIZING MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSIONS REFERRED TO HERE WILL BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER.
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